

Amendment to the Specification

A number of clarifying amendments have been made to the specification. These clarifying amendments include the correction of grammatical errors, the addition of the previously recorded benefit claims, the addition of appropriate organizing headings, the reordering of paragraphs for proper placement of paragraphs under the appropriate organizing headings, the replacement of the "Summary" section on the last page by the required one paragraph abstract, and the substitution or addition of the more accurate term "alcoholysis" for "hydrolysis" when referring to transesterification reactions wherein a new fatty acid ester is formed from the reaction of oils and fats with an alcohol.

The substitution of "alcoholysis" for "hydrolysis" where appropriate is a correction of the improper translation of the German term "spaltung" ("cleavage"), which can apply to either hydrolysis or alcoholysis. "Hydrolysis" properly refers to the production of the fatty acid itself (along with glycerol) by reaction with water. The difference between "hydrolysis" and "alcoholysis" is well established in the art, and the skilled artisan would recognize this substitution as being appropriate for the reactions described. No new matter has been added by these clarifying amendments.

Because of the number of clarifying amendments made throughout the specification, the amendments are presented in a substitute specification submitted with this response. Both a markup version and a clean version of the substitute specification are included.